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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: EXTENSION OF TARIFF

QUOTAS ON THICK PLYWOOD

REF: 76 CANBERRA 6000

1. GOA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT USE OF TARIFF QUOTA LIMITATIONS ON IMPORTS OF THICK PLYWOOD, DUE TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 1977, WOULD CONTINUE FOR A FURTHER TWELVE MONTHS.

2. GOA ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (IAC), CONTAINED IN ITS INTERIM REPORT ON THE PLYWOOD INDUSTRY, THAT A TARIFF QUOTA OF 10,000 CUBIC METERS APPLY TO IMPORTS OF THICK PLYWOOD BETWEEN JULY 1, UNCLASSIFIED

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1977 AND JUNE 30, 1978 AND THAT IMPORTS IN EXCESS OF THIS LEVEL BE SUBJECT TO AN ADDITIONAL DUTY OF 35 CENTS PER SQUARE METER FOR EACH 1MM OR PART THEREOF IN EXCESS OF 5.5 MM IN THICKNESS. EXCLUDED FROM QUOTAS ARE PLYWOOD OF NEW ZEALAND ORIGIN, HIGH MOISTURE RESISTANT PLYWOOD FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND PLYWOOD FACED WITH WESTERN RED CEDAR OR CALIFORNIAN REDWOOD.

3. QUOTA LEVEL TO BE APPLIED FOR NEXT TWELVE MONTHS IS A REDUCTION ON THE CURRENT QUOTA LEVEL (13,000 CUBIC METERS). HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY DUTY HAS ALSO BEEN REDUCED FROM 50 CENTS TO 35 CENTS PERSQUARE METER.

4. IAC ANNOUNCED THAT ITS REPORT ON LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE TO THE LOCAL INDUSTRY WOULD BE COMPLETED APPROX. JUNE 30, 1978.  
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